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My dear Mr. Garrison:

We lost your address last year on the platform of the Free Religious Association by reason of your unfortunate illness. May we not have your word of benediction at our Annual Meeting this year! The Committee of Arrangements are very desirous that you would

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of Dogmatism & superstition to oppose philanthropy & reform? You can certainly speak with authority on this topic, & your words would be a great help to our meeting. I hope you will allow me to give an affirmative answer to the Committee; at least as much as this, that you will speak if your health will admit.

Yours with great respect.

Wm F. Potter

make one of the addresses at Fremont Temple at the evening session, June 2nd. The subject that evening is to be "Dogmatism & Superstition," — their obstruction to progress &c. Mr. Frothingham is to open the subject with an Essay, & then we propose to have the practical salient points spoken to by several speakers. Will you not let us expect something from you on this point; the still dominant power

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